

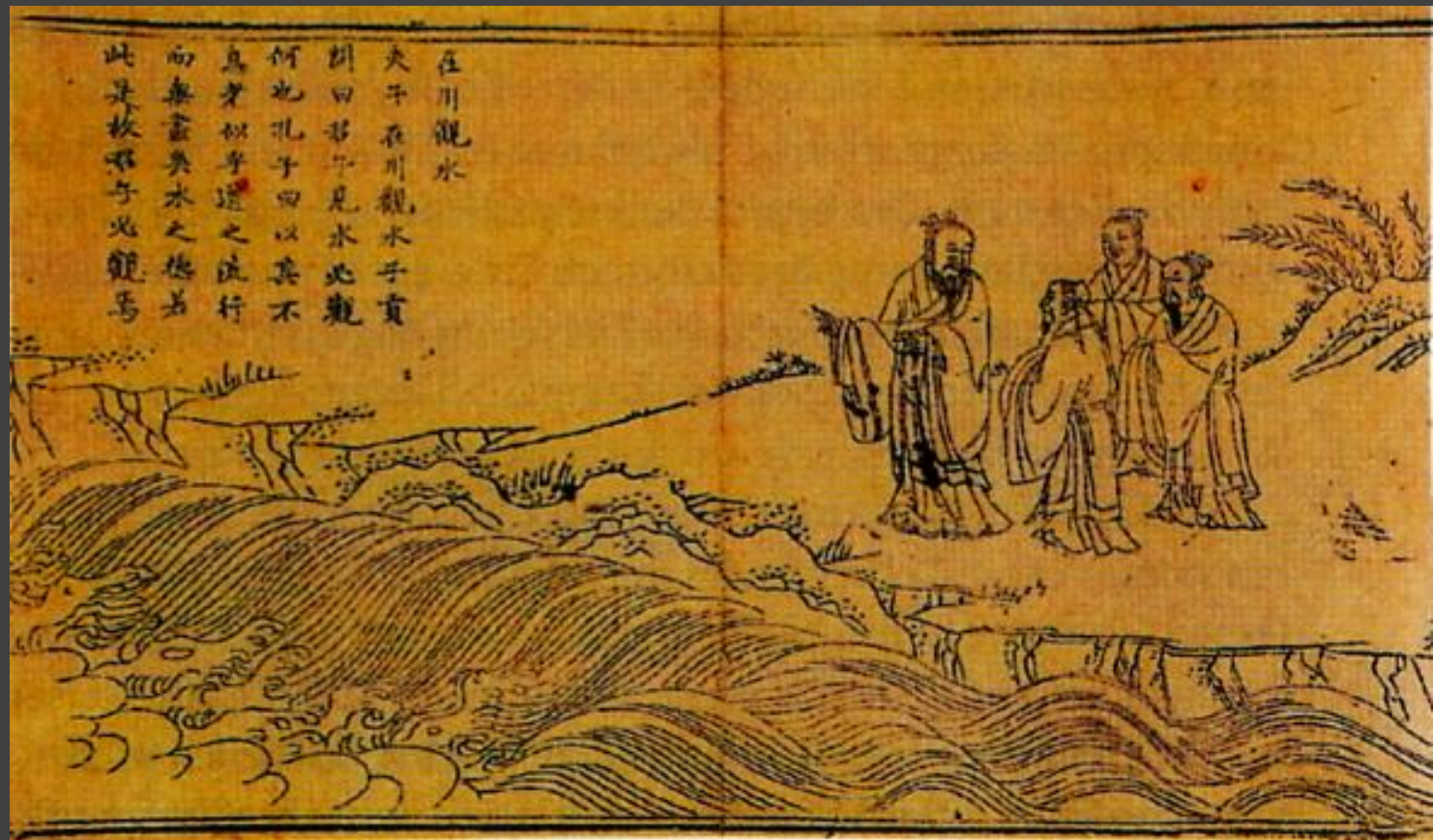
Early China

Part II



### III. Society and Culture in Ancient China

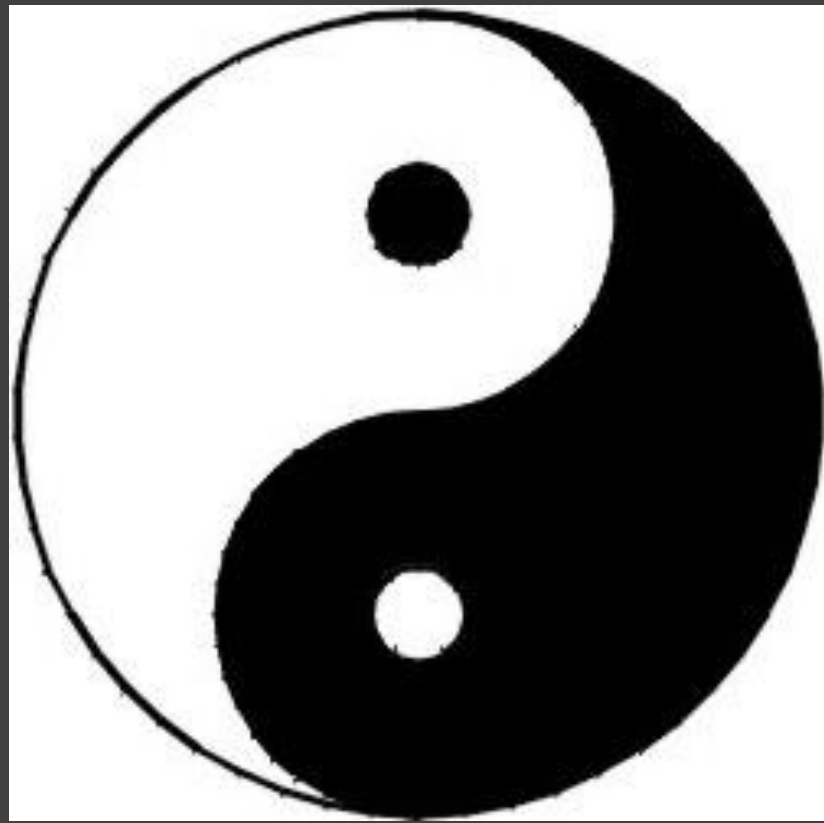
- A. the teachings of CONFUCIUS** (born around 550 BC)
1. if individuals did their duties, **SOCIETY** would do well
    - a. parents **LOVE** children; children **RESPECT** parents
    - b. husbands **SUPPORT** wives; wives **OBEY** husbands
    - c. kings rule "**JUSTLY**"; the people are **LOYAL** to the king
      - i. education develops **BENEVOLENCE**  
- the quality of always treating others fairly



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#### **A. the teachings of CONFUCIUS (born around 550 BC)**

2. "What you do not wish for yourself, do not do to others"
3. urged people to seek GOOD
4. influenced rulers to seek gov. officials from civil service tests
5. teachings gathered in a book known as the ANALECTS



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#### **B. LAO ZI promotes a PEACEFUL society**

1. developed DAOISM - a belief in "the way" or "the path"
  - a. resist material desires; let NATURE guide people in their lives
  - b. this would allow one to enjoy a HAPPY life



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#### **C. Philosophy of LEGALISM (a.k.a. "School of Law")**

1. HANFEIZI believed humans are naturally EVIL
2. harsh PUNISHMENT needed so people follow laws



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1. ARISTOCRATS - wealthy people who owned LAND
  - a. wealth passed down to MALE heirs
    - i. "heirs" - people who inherit something



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2. FARMERS - included 9 out of 10 people in ancient China

a. lived in RURAL villages; farms owned by ARISTOCRATS

b. in the North grew wheat & MILLET; in the South grew RICE

c. paid TAXES, worked on government projects, serve military



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4. **MERCHANTS** - lived in town; provided services to aristocrats
  - a. included shopkeepers, traders, and **BANKERS**
  - b. some became **WEALTHY** but not highly **RESPECTED**
    - i. believed by many to only work for their own good



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5. Chinese society greatly valued FAMILY
  - a. took care of members in need – OLD, young, and SICK
  - b. believed in "filial piety" - people obeying their PARENTS
  - c. oldest MALE was head of the family



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6. men more respected for their "more IMPORTANT" work
  - a. men grew crops, fought wars, and ran the government
  - b. women raised children and managed the household